

CONTINUOUS SESSIONS WON OUT.

The Board of Education Votes to Change the Hours at the High School.

ITS ADVOCATES OUT IN FORCE

A Motion to Adjourn Failed to Block the Change—Other Matters Acted On.

The monthly meeting of the board of education was held last night, in the board's room, in the Hub building, and the prominent feature was the action on the hours at the high school. For five months last year, a continuous session, which means only a half-hour recess at noon for lunch, was adopted by the board, but the rule was later repealed. In November there was an effort to secure a return to the continuous session without success, but its advocates were out in force last night and carried things before them. Of the twenty-one members, there was only one absentee, Judge Cranmer, and Walter Williams, the new member from Washington district, who succeeds C. E. Noble, removed to Wellsburg, occupied his seat for the first time.

Superintendent W. H. Anderson submitted his report for February, which had the following school statistics:

SCHOOLS.	Enrollment for the Month.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Percentage of Pupil.
High School	271	253	93	93
Washington	546	450	82	82
Madison	895	576	64	64
Clay	881	764	87	87
Union	425	383	90	90
Centre	425	383	90	90
Webster	881	764	87	87
Ritchie	581	521	90	90
Lincoln	151	139	92	92
Total	4860	3922	80	80

In the German department, the above report showed a total attendance of 512, of whom 267 were of German parentage. The superintendent suggested that since there were three years of Latin in the high school course, that text books in Cicero, Virgil and Latin prose composition be selected; also, a herbarium for use of the botany classes. The matter was referred to the committee on text books.

Miss A. B. Wilson, librarian, submitted the report of the public library for February, which showed a total circulation of 8,716 books and periodicals, of which 5,520 were fiction. The amount received from fines was \$11.

Principal W. C. Weidman, of the Fulton school, sent in a bill for three months' tuition of Wheeling pupils. The bill was ordered paid if found correct by Superintendent Anderson.

Committee bills ordered paid included public library, \$223.77, and accounts, \$771.37.

Then there followed some skirmishing to take up the matter of the half-hour noon recess at the high school, which was left in statu quo at the previous meeting. The skirmishing was led by Mr. Schaub, and he was met with a series of motions to adjourn. It looked like an adjournment, and Mr. Schaub called for the ayes and nays. When the vote was called it stood 9 to 9. Mr. Battelle changed his vote, Mr. Nesbitt did likewise, and the adjournment was defeated, 11 to 7.

When the "continuous session" was defeated at the November meeting, its advocates took the defeat hard. The committee on teachers and schools recommended this session, but the matter was tabled. It was lifted last night on the motion of Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Battelle.

In support of the change, Mr. Schaub spoke at length, and he elicited inclement weather as being detrimental to a long walk to and from school at noon.

Dr. Blinney ridiculed the long-distance argument, and said children from the Eighth ward or Island were within the mile limit. A continuous session was not the best thing for the children, physically, and the Washington commissioner cited authorities in other cities who urged a return to the long noon recess. A few children would have to carry their dinners to the high school, no matter where it was located.

Colonel Miller said upon investigation he hadn't found any parents in favor of the change, except those coaxed in line by their children, who wanted to get out of school as early in the afternoon as possible. Wheeling was a compactly built city, owing to natural causes, such as the hills, hence the walking limit couldn't be over a mile and a half from the school. If it was true, as Mr. Schaub said, that eighty children now eat their dinners at the high school, the continuous session would force the 300 pupils to do likewise, and the building was not suitably arranged for a large lunch room, argued the colonel. He thought the change might as well be applied to the ward schools, where the younger children were less able to walk a distance. Colonel Miller said it appeared to him as if the continuous session advocates were brought out in force to run it through.

Mr. Ford pointed out the lack of facilities for luncheon at the school. Mr. Maxwell spoke on behalf of the continuous session. From a hygienic point of view, Dr. Hildreth supported the present arrangement.

The vote stood:
For the continuous session—Armbricht, Battelle, Dudley, Hubbard, Jefferson, Maxwell, McConnell, Nesbitt, Schaub, Schrebe, Waterhouse, President Bowers; total, 12.

Against the continuous session—Blinney, Ford, Garden, Hildreth, Miller, Milligan, Wendel, Williams; total, 8.
It was then decided that the change should go into effect on next Monday, after which the board adjourned. Under the new rule, the high school hours will be from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 12:30 to 2:45 p. m.

AFTER TWO YEARS

Of Idleness, Laughlin Mill Mill Resumes—Feeders Are Scarce.

The Laughlin mill, at Martin's Ferry, one of the largest factories of the kind in the United States, will resume Monday morning, after an idleness of two years. Some difficulty has been experienced by the management in securing millers, as many of the men who held positions of this kind prior to the shutting down of the plant, have left town or secured positions elsewhere. Several of the old millers who have held good positions in the mill have thrown up their present jobs and have taken their old positions again, thinking the prospects for a long and steady run remarkably bright. Some difficulty may also be encountered in securing "feeders," as many of the boys who held these positions are also at work in other mills. When the mill gets started, the tin mills may have some trouble in securing men to fill the vacancies caused by the changes. At the present time there are but few men in the city that cannot secure positions if the same is wanted, and when the old plant resumes there will be quite a dearth of available material for mill working.

THE RAILROADS.

The fight between the Canadian Pacific and the lines in the non-commission is taking a very serious turn. Threats of boycott and discrimination against the Canadian Pacific are being made by the lines in the agreement. A determined effort is being made by the Morgan-Vanderbilt interest to force the Canadian Pacific into an iron-clad agreement not to pay commissions. This interest by threatening weaker lines in this country with financial disaster, has forced them into an agreement which will result in turning business from the differential to the standard lines, says the Toledo Blade.

But the Canadian Pacific, although it is a differential line for business out of most of the points in this country, is beyond the financial influence of the Morgan-Vanderbilt syndicate. There is nothing that this combine can bring to bear in the money market which will materially effect the Canadian Pacific. Backed by the Canadian government and the strongest financial powers in London, the Canadian Pacific railroad stands ready to meet the Morgan-Vanderbilt lines, and the Pennsylvania, too, as far as that is concerned, in the fiercest railway war that has ever been waged on this continent.

Wage Increases.

Speaking of the recent advance in wages, an exchange says: "The Wabash road has issued a circular announcing slight advances in the wages of engineers and firemen. It does not appear from the published accounts whether all of the men on the road are effected, or if not, what divisions the order applies to. Certain passenger engineers have their pay increased from \$3.35 per 100 miles to \$3.40. Freight conductors and brakemen receive increases of ten cents and five cents per 100 miles. Advances at about the same rates are granted to freight engineers and firemen and to men on switching engines at a number of important stations. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific has increased the pay of passenger brakemen on certain branch lines from \$45 per month to \$47.50, and a similar advance is granted to brakemen on work trains. The request of switchmen at certain cities to have their pay put on a parity with the rate at Chicago, has been refused. The Central of New Jersey has dispensed with the services of brakemen (flagmen) on helping engines used on mountain grades; and on certain freight trains the number of brakemen has been reduced from two to one."

Automatic Couplers.

The Ohio legislature has extended until June 1 the time within which the railroad companies may equip their cars with automatic couplers.

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OIL STRIKE NEAR WEST LIBERTY.

Showing of the Greasy Fluid on the Smith Farm Excites Back Part of the County.

AN ARMY OF LAND-LEASERS

After Adjoining Territory—Short Creek Co.'s Test Gives Good Indications.

With oil on all sides of Ohio county, it was natural that the experimental drill should find its way into this county's hillsides. Few oil men, however, have had faith in Ohio county for the oil-bearing, and until last year no steps toward a systematic experiment were made. Charles F. Bachman, associated with other prospectors, sunk a well out on the Thompson place, about two miles east of the city, meeting with a dismal failure. Later in the year a number of Wheelingites organized for the development of the land about Short Creek, in Liberty district, and now they are overjoyed with the indications.

The company is the Short Creek Oil & Gas Company, which has leased a block of land, aggregating 2,000 acres, all in Liberty district, and the test well, now being sunk on the Smith farm, about one and one-quarter miles northwest of West Liberty, shows a streak of the coveted fluid. At a depth of 215 feet on Saturday, the drill brought up oil, and soon a wave of excitement swept through West Liberty. Then came a break-down in the machinery, which was repaired yesterday and the drilling has been resumed.

The oil was found in what is known as the "hurry-up" sand, and, of course, is only a superficial indication, but it is sufficient to stimulate work in that neighborhood, and already there is an army of leasers on the ground, taking options on adjoining territory. West Liberty people are greatly excited over the discovery and are earnestly hoping that oil in paying quantities will be struck. Nothing else is being talked of and all future developments will be awaited with the most intense interest.

A short distance from the Smith farm, on which the test well is located, is an old gas well, sunk in 1867. Although the gasser is minus any casing, it continues to flame at a height of fifteen feet if a match is applied to the gas. So in the event of finding a paying streak of oil, the company will have a good thing in the gas, for it is assured that there will be gas in good quantities. All around there is practically untried territory, and as the prospectors are full of enthusiasm and hope, they will continue operations provided the test well does not realize expectations. They are satisfied with the outlook, and the little oil secured is highly treasured.

The officers of the Short Creek Oil & Gas Company are: President, Charles Menkemeller; secretary, Robert Simpson; directors, J. C. Devine, Robert Simpson, Charles Menkemeller, David G. Morgan, Fred Happy, H. M. Schockry and F. Whalley.

IN THE OIL FIELDS.

On Richwood run, Wetzel county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its test well on the Nelson Myers farm, through the Gordon sand, and has a duster. In the same territory Guffey & Galey have drilled in their test well on the Wilson Wyatt farm and have a show for a ten-barrel producer. They intend to give it a shot and may increase its production. In this development and on Buffalo creek, the South Penn Oil Company's No. 1, J. Lantz, is holding up at 150 barrels a day. The Kanawha Oil Company's Nos. 40 and 42, Milla tract, are holding up at 175 and 320 barrels a day, respectively. The same company's No. 1 on the Davis heirs' farm is making 150 barrels a day. On Middle Island creek, Tyler county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its No. 6 on the Belle Willis farm through the Cow run sand and has a duster. They will drill this well to the lower sands.

In the north end of the Wolf Summit field in Harrison county, the South Penn company's No. 4, on the C. W. Smith farm has been completed and is making eighty-five barrels a day. A number of wells are due in the sand this week in this part of the development. Some of them are important tests, touching a north and northeast extension to the present producing limits.

In the Whiskey Run pool in Ritchie county, the Southern Oil Company has drilled its No. 6 on the Strickler farm through the Keener sand and has a duster. The location is four hundred feet north of Gartlan & Company's No. 5, on the Wince farm.

In the St. Mary's district, in Pleasants county, the Barkwell Oil Company has completed its No. 3 on the Barkwell farm and has a duster in the Big Injun sand. The Otto Oil Company has completed its No. 6 on the W. H. Smith farm and has a duster in the Cow run sand.

On the Ohio side and two miles west of Cochransville, Monroe county, T. R. Cowell & Company have completed their No. 1 on the E. Amos farm and have a duster in the Cow run sand. In the Sand Hill district, in Washington county, Neill & Company have completed No. 3 on the L. Golds farm and have a fifteen-barrel producer, from the Cow Run sand. The Brown & Company No. 2 on the Wagner farm, reported dry in the five hundred foot sand, has been drilled to the lower sand and will make a small producer.

At Chester Hill, Morgan county, the Hammond Oil Company's No. 5, Myers, is in and showing for twenty barrels a day.

At Cornings, H. H. Church & Company's No. 1, Longstreth, and Ortiz & Company's No. 1, Monahan, are in the sand and each showing for ten barrels a day.

GREENSBORO—River 8 feet and falling; six inches of snow, and snowing to-night.



Rain! Sleet! Snow!

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THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Cincinnati...QUEEN CITY, 8 a. m.
Pittsburgh...GREENWOOD, 8 a. m.
Pittsburgh...JOHN A. 7 a. m.
Pittsburgh...H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m.
Newport...JEWEL, 11 a. m.
Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 2:30 p. m.
Clarinton...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Charleston...KANAWHA, 4:30 a. m.
Marietta...ELOISE, 11 a. m.
Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 2 p. m.
Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 2:30 p. m.
Clarinton...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Newport...JEWEL, 11 a. m.
Pittsburgh...H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m.
Charleston...GREENWOOD, 6:30 a. m.
Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 2:30 p. m.
Clarinton...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m., showed 10 feet 4 inches and falling. Snow.

The big shipments of steel rails now being made south by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, are for the southern railroads. Some of these rails will be used to construct new roads in the Carolinas. It shows that great improvements are being made in some sections of the south. Ten thousand tons have already been delivered this season and a like amount is now being loaded for shipment.

Captain John F. Dravo is busy preparing statistics in reference to the Pennsylvania railroad bridge which crosses the Allegheny river near Eleventh street, in Pittsburgh. He will present some interesting figures at the engineers' meeting March 25.

Captain J. J. McFeeters will blow up the sunken obstructions in the Monongahela river.

At Louisville the local steamboat inspectors have given warning that all licensed officers will not be permitted to drink while on or off duty and for the first offense, such officer's license will be suspended and for a second offense the license will be revoked.

The old bell that used to do duty on the steamer Guiding Star, which was some years ago cut down by the ice in the lower Ohio river, is doing duty at Louisville at the works of a fertilizing plant.

Pittsburgh River News.

PITTSBURGH, March 15.—Within a few weeks all the chartered coal companies identified with the river coal business will commence legal process to dissolve their business and surrender their charters, their holdings having been absorbed by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company.

The first concern to take this step will be the Clipper Coal Company, of Allentown, Washington county, whose stockholders will meet April 21 to turn over the business of the concern to C. Jutte & Company, who will convey the same to the river combination. Charters of all such corporations will be surrendered for the purpose of saving state tax. If they were allowed to live the regular tax would have to be paid.

It is said that there are about a half dozen firms the river combination has not settled with and J. B. Finley, the president, is anxious to make settlements. Just as soon as those included in the combination presented abstract titles the settlements were made, but it has been a slow work to get the legal papers in shape.

The Ohio river is slowly falling, and no more coal shipments will be made until there is a rise in the rivers. By the first of next week, if the stage of water will permit, many towboats will commence arriving here with empties, and the miners are assured of much work for the next two or three months.

River Telegrams.

WARREN—River 2 feet 5 inches. Light snow and cold.

BROWNSVILLE—River 5 feet 8 inches and falling.

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet 7 inches and stationary. Weather snowy.

STEEBENVILLE—River 10 feet and falling. Weather, cold and snowing.

Up: Lorena and Greenwood.

OIL CITY—River 2 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather, cold and a light snow.

PITTSBURGH—River 8.5 feet; falling; snowing.

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